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ISSUES ARISING IN COMMITTEES
OTHER THAN THE HSC AND SSC

CIA's problems have not been limited to the Select Committees. Other committees of the House and Senate have asserted jurisdiction over various Agency activities and still other committees will be involved in public hearings on recommending proposed changes in Congressional oversight over the intelligence community and in the statutory charter of CIA. For example:

HOUSE

Post Office and Civil Service Committee asserted jurisdiction in investigating CIA's mail intercept programs. The Director and witnesses from the Post Office Department testified.

Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights asserted jurisdiction in investigating the Agency's 1954 argreement with the Justice Department with respect to the referral of cases involving possible violations of law by Agency employees. The Director and Justice Department officials testified. The [redacted] 25X1A which involved a somewhat different situation, became the subject of Chairperson Abzug's attention. Over the objections of the Republican members of the Subcommittee, she has now demanded unrestricted access to CIA's operational files on this case.

SENATE

Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure and Labor Subcommittee on Health, both chaired by Senator Kennedy, have requested information on on-going behavioral testing programs, copies of documents provided the Frank Olson family and Agency relationships with drug testing in Lexington, Boston, and under the auspices of Dr. Abramson. Agency officers have had discussions of the behavioral testing programs with Subcommittee staff members and upon release from the Olson family, have provided copies of the documents in that case. In response to pressure for

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Agency testimony before these Subcommittees, letters were written to Chairman Church of the Senate Select Committee and Chairman Kennedy suggesting that the two Committees get together to avoid duplication of effort. The Church Committee refused to take up this issue, but Senator Kennedy has deferred hearings until November. There is every indication that he will then press the Agency for testimony on CIA drug and behavioral testing programs.

Commerce Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Commerce and Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, both of which are chaired by Senator Tunney, have asked for Agency testimony on electronic surveillance technology. Thus far, we have deferred any agreement to this informal request, but it is quite likely that this request will also be pressed when Congress returns from the present recess.

Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, chaired by Senator Muskie, made an informal approach to the Agency soliciting testimony on S. 2170 (a bill introduced by Senator Muskie) on Congressional Right to Information. We have deferred this request but plan to submit written views to the Committee on this legislation.

The Government Operations Committee, chaired by Senator Ribicoff, will conduct hearings (probably beginning in December) on various proposals which have been submitted to the Senate on the subject of Congressional oversight over intelligence agencies. The Committee staff has requested informal discussions on this subject to obtain some background regarding the problems which the Agency foresees in these proposals and have indicated that the Director will be expected to testify in these hearings. It is anticipated that the Director will testify to express his views and concerns and to strongly recommend that if the Committee considers changes in the statutory charter of the Agency, that those changes include sanctions for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

REPORTS UNDER SECTION 662 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED

The Director has made reports to six committees of Congress under the provisions of this section since its enactment last December. The committees involved are the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations

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Committees (through the Subcommittees having oversight jurisdiction) and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (through Chairman Sparkman and Senator Case) and the House International Relations Committee (through the Subcommittee on Oversight). There has been some leakage in the press of information pertaining to the President's findings under this section of the law, and there is considerable agitation in the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee regarding the form and content of the President's findings and the Director's reports. It can be anticipated that the friction within the Subcommittee on this issue will increase, especially when Representative Addabbo introduces legislation (as he has stated he will) requiring that the Congress be consulted and its approval obtained when the President makes his finding this provision of the law.

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